FLEETWOOD AREA HIGH SCHOOL

School Counseling Office

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“Junior Year: Things to Think About”

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Fleetwood Graduation Requirements

- You need 25 credits to graduate…
  - English (4 credits)
  - Math (3 credits)
  - Social Studies (4 credits / 3 credits BCTC)
  - Science (3 credits)
  - Health (0.5 credit)
  - Phys. Ed. (1.5 credits)
  - Financial Literacy (0.5 credit)
  - Tech./Business (1 credit)
  - Arts (1 credit)
  - Humanities (1 credit)
  - Electives (5.5 credits)



* Requirements adjusted for students enrolled in BCTC

Credits Required for Promotion

- **9th GRADE**
  - 6.00 credits overall to be promoted to 10th grade
- **10th GRADE**
  - 12.00 credits overall to be promoted to 11th grade
- **11th GRADE**
  - 18.00 credits overall to be promoted to 12th grade
- **12th GRADE**
  - 25.00 credits overall to **GRADUATE!**



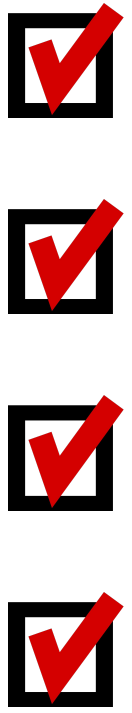
PDE Graduation Requirements

- In addition to earning 25 credits, you also must meet a state graduation pathway in order to earn a Fleetwood diploma…
  - All students are required to take the Algebra I, Biology, and Literature Keystone Exams
  - If you do not score proficient on all three exams, you will retake the ones that you did not pass.
  - After completion of retesting, your school counselor will review your results and next steps to complete your PDE Graduation Requirements.



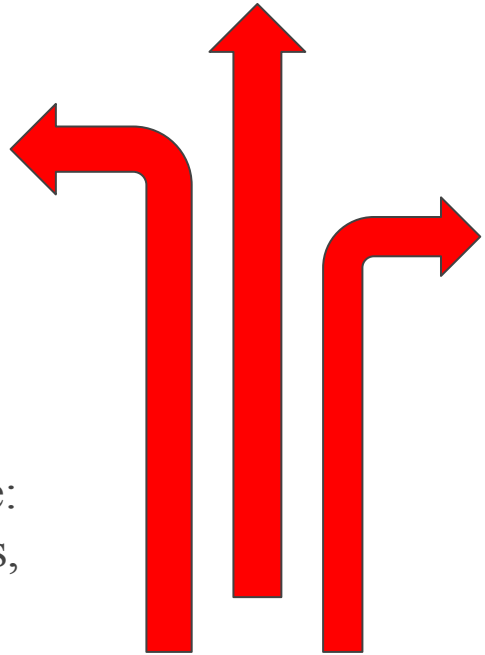
What Should I be Doing This Year?

- Maintain / develop good habits (attendance, work completion, ask questions, stay organized)
- Get involved / stay involved (athletics, clubs, community service, volunteering)
- Develop a strong, positive relationship with your teachers, counselor, principal. (You may need a letter of recommendation or job reference)
- Think about your future after high school, research your options, and develop a game plan. (Talk to your school counselor!)



What's Your Game Plan?

- There are 3 main pathways following high school…
    1. Entering the workforce
    2. Attending post-secondary education
        - Technical/trade program
        - 2-year technical or community college
        - 4-year college
    3. Enlisting in the military
        - The U.S. Military has six branches of service: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force

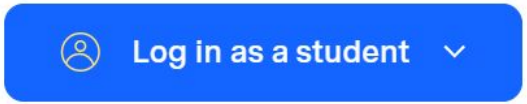


Xello can help with your Game Plan!

- What is Xello?
  - Xello is a college and career readiness program that allows students to explore and research colleges and careers
- Xello allows you to:
  - Explore careers and colleges
  - Create personal and academic plans
  - Build digital portfolios and resumes
  - Track college applications



Logging-in to Xello

- Go to Clever.com
- In the upper right hand corner, click on: 

- Search for and select **Fleetwood Area High School**
- Login with your school email address and password
- Select Xello from your list of Apps:



How Can I Prepare for...

- **Entering the Workforce**
  - Update your resume in Xello
    - To create a Resume, on your Xello dashboard, under **About Me,** click on **My Resume**
  - Consider working a part-time job to gain experience
    - Search for job postings on our School Counseling webpage
  - Consider doing an internship during your senior year

How Can I Prepare for...

- **Attending Post-Secondary Education**
  - Take the PSAT in October
  - Take the SAT or ACT in the Spring:
    - SAT Dates & Deadlines / ACT Dates & Deadlines
  - Begin researching post-secondary schools
    - Xello
    - College Board https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
  - Sign-up to speak with a visiting college representative in the Counseling Office: College Visit Schedule
  - Consider the Kutztown University Early College Academy

ATTENTION! - Berks County Regional College Fair

- **LOCATION:** Penn State Berks - Beaver Athletic & Wellness Center
  1450 Harper Road
  Wyomissing, PA 19610

- **DATE:** Tuesday, October 13, 2026

- **TIME:** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

All students and families are welcome to attend for **FREE!**
More information along with a list of participating colleges can be found here.

Are you a Student-Athlete?

- If you plan on competing in an NCAA sport at the Division I or Division II level you must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- When meeting with your school counselor, confirm that you are on-track to meet the academic standards for initial eligibility:
    - Division I Academic Standards
    - Division II Academic Standards
    * Division III Academic Standards



How Can I Prepare for...

- **Enlisting in the U.S. Military**
  - Speak with a military recruiter when they visit the high school
  - Take a practice ASVAB
  - If you would also like to attend college, have you considered an ROTC program?











What Should I Think About for Senior Year?

- Many of you will have room in your schedules to do one of the following:
  1. Complete an internship
  2. Begin taking college classes while still in high school
     - Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
     - Reading Area Community College
  3. BCTC Co-Op
     - BCTC students should speak with their instructor about eligibility for this program

Berks Career and Technology Center (BCTC)

- You can still apply to BCTC as a Senior!
- BCTC has 30+ career programs that may be able to help you with your game plan/career path
- Medical Health Professions Program - Seniors only
- Application instructions/materials for all programs can be found at this link.
- Application window opens 10/15/26, and your completed application materials should be submitted to the Counseling Office by **11/24/26** to give you the best chance of being accepted.

Communication is Key!

- E-Mail
  - School counselors use email to schedule conferences and send important information/updates
  - PLEASE check your email daily and respond to emails in a timely manner.
- Individual Conferences
  - School counselors try to meet with each student once a year to review their graduation plan
  - Schedule an appointment with your school counselor on our School Counseling Office Webpage



That's It!

- If you have any questions, remember to talk with your school counselor:
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Best of luck with your Junior year!